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W. M. U. STATE CONVENTION, WINONA, MISS., APRIL 8-10. COME!

Miss Lackey reports a fine and helpful institute at Oxford last week. Pastor Purser had the help of home folks and some A-1 visitors.

Dr. W. Y. Quisenberry went to Houston, Texas, for a missionary conference beginning Sunday in the First Church, of which Dr. J. B. Leavell is pastor.

The average number of conversions reported as the result of work done by students in the Bible Institute in New Orleans for the third quarter was ten per day.

Copiah County Association will have a Campaign Rally at Shady Grove Church, on the fifth Sunday. Beside excellent speakers in their own territory, they will have Pastor Owen Williams, Dr. M. O. Patterson and Dr. R. B. Gunter.

Dr. Ben Cox, Secretary of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, writes: "At the last meeting of the stockholders, and also at the meeting of the directors, it was decided unanimously to procure a new charter for our hospital, vesting control and ownership in the three Baptist Conventions of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee."

Mrs. Mary F. Brent of Holmesville promised the Lord all that her bale of cotton should bring over 30 cents. She had been holding a long time for an advance in price. It went to 35 cents and she sold it and got enough to put the Baptist Record into all the homes of her church where it was not already going. There are still a good number of women who are giving the Lord the alabaster box of ointment.

Dr. J. W. Porter, former editor of the Western Recorder, now pastor of Third Avenue Church, in Louisville, Ky., will begin on April first the publication of a magazine, The American Baptist Monthly, at 2030 Confederate Place, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Porter is a great editor and a great preacher, and his magazine will be a live wire and a good tonic. He is also a great evangelist, recently holding a meeting at Greensburg, Ind., with 175 additions.

Editor Routh hits the nail on the head with this paragraph in the Standard: "A friend told us years ago that in his boyhood days his father left South Carolina because the land in his home community was played out. Years afterward, when scientific methods of agriculture were adopted, that same county became one of the banner counties of the world. The pastor who thinks an ideal situation can be found elsewhere, may have already in hand a work with marvelous possibilities."

Pastor Owen Williams and the church at Utica ordained three deacons last Sunday, Brethren John A. R. Goodwin, J. P. Cruise, and R. A. Longmire. Another was elected and will be ordained later, Brother L. W. Lyle. There was a good congregation, and every indication that the church is in a growing, healthy condition. It was the editor's privilege to preach for Brother Williams Sunday morning at Utica and at the Utica Institute for colored people Sunday afternoon, and at Pine Bluff Church at night.

Dr. B. H. Lovelace, pastor of Clinton, will preach the commencement sermon for the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans.

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal
While he who walks in love may wander far
But God will bring him where the blessed are.
—Henry Van Dyke.

Alcorn County Association will have a campaign conference at the First Church, Corinth, next Sunday. Beside the excellent leaders in their own churches, they will have with them Dr. J. W. Gillon of Winchester, Ky.

Pastor R. D. Stringer reports that his church at Ringold, La., on last Sunday raised over \$14,000.00 with which to begin the erection of a new house. More will be added, and the building will begin in the near future. They are happy.

President E. V. Baldy announces that Dr. L. R. Christie will preach the Commencement sermon for Judson College on the twenty-fifth of May. Dr. W. O. Carver will preach the missionary sermon at night, and Dr. E. C. Dargan will deliver the baccalaureate address.

The German Legation in Switzerland has asked their government in Berlin to stop giving passports to rich Germans to frolic in Switzerland while the Swiss and other people are asked for charity to take care of starving German children. The religion of Germany has been hardly more than a shallow veneering and it has broken down under the stress of events of the past ten years.

Brother W. H. Patton, of Shubuta, has helped in every good cause for half a century. Recently he suffered heavy loss by fire, which has delayed his meeting the 75 Million pledge. But he says when he reads about the orphans, the old preachers, the needs of our schools and our missionaries, it fixes his purpose to pay it all, and he appeals to his brethren to join him in finishing the Campaign with joy.

The Lauderdale County Association is well organized. Their Executive Committee had a good meeting in Meridian the day it snowed and planned their work. This was the day also for the Regional Conference in Meridian. The attendance was somewhat interfered with by the weather, but a number of nearby pastors came in, and Brother T. W. Green and Dr. E. V. Baldy were among the visitors who did good service.

Every Baptist today can "point with pride" to the output of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. Beside the regular periodical Sunday School literature and the regular study course books for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. leaders, the Board has stimulated authorship, the production of really good books by our capable men and women, creates a demand and market for them and pushes the work of distribution. We know of no agency in our denominational life which is ministering to a larger or deeper need than this Board is doing. There are many who thank God upon every remembrance of Dr. Van Ness and his co-workers.

Plant one acre for God.

In Nevada for the year 1922 there were ten per cent more divorces than there were marriages. In South Carolina no divorces are granted.

Pastor W. A. Williams is just getting into the new home in his field at Longview, Sturgis and Morgan's Chapel. He has a great opportunity and is happy and equal to it.

A letter from Stanley W. Rogers at the Louisville Seminary brings the news that all our Mississippians are happy and doing fine in the school of the prophets and the Training School.

Read the last page of the Record and lay off your acre for the Lord. Report your purpose to the organizer in your county that the fellowship may strengthen the faith of others.

It does seem as if the Commission of Economic Experts who have been at work to determine Germany's capacity to pay reparations is now likely to find a solution to the trouble in Europe. They propose that Germans shall be taxed in the same amount as other people are taxed since the war and that they pay to their capacity, beginning with small amounts and increasing as conditions improve. They propose also that France and Belgium turn over the Ruhr Valley to Germany, only maintaining garrisons but not economic control. Hitherto the Germans have seemed like Samson, willing to pull down the whole world on their own heads if they may only avoid paying reparation and indemnity.

Many good things have been crowded out of the Baptist Record lately. Some of them will yet appear and be read with interest. Some things we have not the space to publish. Particularly is our corner for "poetry" very limited. We want to give a chance to everybody we can, some in particular who have not yet written for the Record. Would it be out of place for us to say again that if an article is brief it will stand a better chance of getting in and a still better chance of being read. Also don't send us any long clippings from other papers to be published in the Record. We could fill volumes with them, good ones too, by cutting them out ourselves. This is not a second hand store.

Our enlistment missionary, H. B. Price, says: "High tide was reached in Regional Conference at McComb. There was a large attendance and every one there said that it was the best meeting of its kind they ever attended. Every one on program was present and brought great messages. Dr. W. P. Price seemed to have been at his best and brought us one of the best messages on our work it has been our privilege to listen to. I would like to mention all of the speakers for they were good, but it would take too much time to do this. However, I will say that Brother Roper brought a message I wish every pastor could have heard. We were honored by having R. H. Purser in two of our meetings. Every one present promised to pay up his pledge and do his best to get all others to do the same. Victory is sure to come."

WORK ON NEW ORLEANS HOSPITAL WILL BEGIN BY DECEMBER 1

Louis J. Bristow, Secretary
Hospital Commission Southern Baptist
Convention

Among the advance movements of the Southern Baptist Convention is the building of the great general hospital in New Orleans. The Hospital Commission is pursuing its work with vigor, and, in accordance with the instructions of the Convention, expects to break dirt for the construction of the first unit of the hospital not later than December 1, 1924.

Title to the property in New Orleans—two full city blocks, splendidly located—has been made to the Home Mission Board, which body now holds the property in trust for the Convention. The site is located in the heart of the residential section of the city, away from the noise and bustle of traffic.

The Hospital Commission has held several meetings, as a whole and through sub-committees. An architect has been employed, and plans are being drawn for an eight-story building, which will form the first unit of the hospital. It is the purpose of the Commission to elect a superintendent soon after the Convention in May, who shall give his whole time to the work in connection with the architect, and throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, as the work may require.

It is confidently hoped and believed that the building of the hospital in New Orleans will prove as great advance to the Baptist cause in that whole section as did the establishing of the Bible Institute in that city. Moreover, it will render a Christian service to humanity in a great way.

ARE OUR ENLISTMENT EFFORTS REACHING THE COUNTRY CHURCHES?

By T. J. Moore

I have just read carefully the contents of the March number of our great magazine, Home and Foreign Fields. It is so full of great things. Let me say in passing that to my mind our Brother N. T. Tull sounded the most important note in the entire number as he wrote on "The South as a Stewardship Mission Field". But to my subject. In this number is a timely article on "The Country Churches as a Mission Field". In that article is this assertion: "All lines of Southern Baptist endeavor, moreover, have been reaching out toward the rural churches, but the most of them have never gotten there." This tells it pretty well. The endeavor has reached toward the place where the work is needed but in very rare cases does it ever get there. The enlistment men who are appointed with a view to their doing that special work of developing the rural churches find it easier and find themselves more welcome to stop in the town and village churches to spend their time and efforts and leave the hard-to-work and backward rural churches scarcely touched. It is sadly true that to do effective work in the backward rural churches involves the overcoming of many very stubborn difficulties. But our Boards in employing these men expect them to make and execute programs that will not stop short of really enlisting our rural forces for effective kingdom service. The town and village churches can use these men to advantage it is true, but their services are so much more sorely needed back in the rural churches that they should give their strongest efforts and the bulk of their time to their harder and more needy fields.

It is as true in this field as in all mission fields, that they who are most in need of help feel the need of it least. As a rule these rural churches and their pastors are not conscious of any great need of development and therefore do not seek the aid of the men appointed and paid to help them. One of the principal things the enlistment men must overcome is their aloofness.

The summer revival is the best agency for opening the way for enlistment in the rural church we have, if it be properly used. For this reason our strong enlistment men should seldom if ever hold a revival in strong and developed churches, but give all the time they spend in revival services to the undeveloped country churches. In fact all of our preachers who hold revival meetings in these rural churches should lend their main forces to the work of enlistment instead of enrollment.

Unless our enlistment men shall find some way to apply their efforts more directly to the undeveloped rural churches they cannot long please the people who have appointed them to this specific task and are supporting them in it.

It is a hard task but needs very much to be done. Let us all pray for our special enlistment workers and help them all we can. Where they do not turn aside from their real task—the development of the rural churches—but diligently apply themselves to it, they have a hard task, slow results and little to arouse the glory of men.

THE SEMINARY BUILDING EMERGENCY

By President E. Y. Mullins,
Louisville, Ky.

No. 2. Cost of New Plant

When the Board of Trustees of the Seminary met in special session in Louisville several years ago, it was voted that \$2,000,000.00 be fixed as a minimum building fund. Architects and building experts have recently given us estimates of the cost of the proposed new buildings, and they fix the sum at a considerably larger figure. Under prices which prevailed before the World War, \$2,000,000.00 might have been sufficient, but under present prices it is inadequate. The equipment needed is as follows:

1. Norton Hall, in which are combined the Smith Memorial Library, chapel, class rooms, administrative offices, and offices of professors, the estimated cost of which is \$750,000.00.

2. New York Hall, containing three hundred rooms of a suitable size for a single student, but large enough to accommodate two if necessary. The estimated cost of this is \$850,000.00.

3. A gymnasium continuing the uses of the present Levering Gymnasium is a vital necessity in the Seminary equipment.

4. Apartment houses for married students. There are now about one hundred and seventy-five families in our student body. They are compelled to obtain quarters as best they may in the vicinity of the Seminary. A number of apartment buildings will be necessary to accommodate them, and these will require a considerable sum of money.

5. A heating plant for the entire system of buildings, and connecting steampipes, according to estimates submitted by the architect, will cost about \$150,000.00 complete.

6. Road construction and the building of proper fences around the property and the care of the magnificent grove of beech trees will add a considerable sum to the cost.

I am not including in the above estimate a chapel separate from Norton Hall, which ought to be erected sometime in the future; but the above elements of equipment are absolutely vital and necessary. It is probable that it will be necessary ultimately to erect a separate kitchen and dining room convenient to New York Hall.

We must also take into account the added cost of the homes of professors which will be necessary in the not distant future somewhere in the vicinity of the new location.

As will appear in a later article, the Board at its special meeting in January, 1924, fixed upon the sum of \$2,000,000.00 as the minimum for building requirements and as the immediate objective. Fully this amount will be required to erect Norton Hall, New York Hall, the heating plant, the gymnasium, and to construct roads, fences and other facilities required by the Seminary. Additional sums will be needed for the

erection of apartments for married students and other buildings later.

Material for the New Buildings

Mr. J. Gamble Rogers, celebrated architect of New York City, who has specialized in school construction, has been secured. The plans calls for conformity to the general type of architecture known as colonial, and seen in a very attractive form in the buildings of the University of Virginia. Mr. Rogers has adopted the most economical plan for building material—brick instead of stone, making the pillars and small towers of wood, and leaving the interior walls of the class rooms with the rough surface of the brick unplastered; and so on through all the details the most rigid economy in construction has been kept steadfastly in view. I can see no way of reducing the cost by adopting cheaper building material. Mr. Rogers has associated with him Mr. Arthur Loomis, one of our best Louisville architects, who is compensated by Mr. Rogers out of his own fee.

What to Do with the Present Property

This question has been frequently discussed in Board meetings. By formal vote at the last meeting the Board committed itself to the policy of holding the ground occupied by our buildings on Broadway and Fifth Street for endowment purposes. The reasons for this are very strong.

1. On the basis of recent expert appraisal, our property, including a number of residences of professors, could be sold for only about half a million dollars. This would be but a fraction of the amount required for new buildings and would by no means solve our building problem. It is very important that these facts be kept in mind, as wrong impressions have gone out regarding the value of the present property.

2. This property, in the course of twelve or fifteen years, will be quite valuable. Business is steadily moving out Fourth Street. The new fifteen-story Brown Hotel on the corner of Fourth and Broadway is an indication of the development of the business section of Louisville southward, and sooner or later business will extend east and west on Broadway. It is within the bounds of possibility that our present property will be worth quite a large sum in the course of time. To sell it at the present time would be to throw away all the advantages of this increase in value. Louisville business men are unanimous in their advice not to sell our present property.

3. A third reason is that the property can be leased on long terms at an adjustable rate of return in periods of five or ten years. As the property increases in value, therefore, the Seminary would deprive a correspondingly greater income from the leases. This should take care of our endowment needs for a considerable period. It is not safe to say that there would be no further endowment needs, because as schools grow, these needs increase rapidly. But, so far as can be foreseen, the income from our present property would go a long way toward providing for our endowment needs. If those needs are not provided for in this way, a large additional endowment fund will be necessary at once.

MISSOURI PASTOR AND WIFE GIVE THEIR SAVINGS AS SPECIAL OFFERING TO CAMPAIGN

In response to a letter to a pastor in Missouri, soliciting his earnest co-operation in completing the 75 Million Campaign this year, Dr. Scarborough, general director, has received the following thrilling response:

"Before your letter came I had resolved to put in more time in prayer for the success of this Campaign than I have for anything else in my life. I will endeavor to follow fully the leading of the Holy Spirit in every detail of the work and to seek His guidance with all diligence. My wife and I will go the limit in sacrifice in order to give all we can and to do all we can. We have already planned to visit every church in this association and make the appeal for the Campaign.

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We bought a lot in Louisville, Kentucky, some years ago on which we had hoped to build our home for our old age. The deed is now being prepared by which we are conveying this property as a special gift to the Campaign. Our original pledge to the Campaign was about 14 percent of our income for the five years, as measured by the income at that time. We paid that in the first half of the period, made another equal pledge and have this nearly paid and are now making this extra gift and by His help will do more than this. Nothing in this life has furnished us a deeper joy than the privilege of this kind of giving to this great enterprise. We have three daughters in college and we are not in debt one cent for their expenses. We are hoping that they will all go to the foreign mission field."

This spirit of sacrifice on the part of all our people will not only bring the needed money but the greatest state of spirituality Southern Baptists have ever known.

SOME STARTLING TRIUMPHS

By L. R. Scarborough

Every Southern Baptist heart should be made to exult over the marvelous successes on the foreign field in the last four years. We owe a big debt in the banks of Richmond; but we have big dividends to show for this obligation on the foreign fields. Look at some of them:

Four years ago we had 328 missionaries. Today we have 540—a gain of 212; four years ago 627 native workers, today 2820—a gain of 2193. We have increased our churches on the foreign fields by a gain of 386, our church membership by a gain of 53,669. We have baptized 40,000 on the foreign field; and this is nearly as many members as we had four years ago after 75 years of labor. Four years ago we had 760 Sunday schools; today we have 1,447—a gain of 687. We have 31,992 people in Sunday Schools more than we had four years ago. We have 284 day schools more than we had four years ago. We have 17,067 students in our day schools more than we had four years ago. Four years ago our Board was working in nine great nations; today it is working in sixteen.

These are marvelous results calling for gratitude, reconsecration of ourselves, a new hope in our world-program, a new liberality towards foreign missions, a deeper loyalty to our Campaign covenants. The blessings of God challenge us. The calls of triumphs He has given us sound in our hearts to go forward, do our best. These are but some of the victories on the foreign field. All about us in the home field are similar triumphs. We must not fail of the last dollar of the 75 million. Christ's causes call for Christ's cash from Christ's Christians.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS

By B. P. Robertson.

The Southern Baptist Convention put on the 75 Million Campaign about four years ago. Since that time \$48,500,000.00 has been collected and spent in Missions and other Benevolences at home and abroad. The Baptists of the South have collected and spent at home and abroad in local work and missions and benevolences about \$485,000,000.99. The results of the \$48,500,000.00 spent in missions and benevolences have been most glorious, as the following figures will indicate.

I. The Achievements in State Mission Work

- (1) \$8,459,870.03 has been spent in this work in the southern states.
- (2) 2,494 workers have been employed in state mission work during this time.
- (3) 358,314 members have been added to the churches under their service.
- (4) 1,030 new churches have been organized under their work.
- (5) 3,370 new Sunday Schools have been organized under their service.

(6) 1,710 new B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized as a result of their labors.

(7) 691 new church houses have been built by them.

(8) 1,742 houses of worship have been repaired by them.

(9) 2,000 prayer meetings have been organized by these workers.

(10) Thousands of Bibles and Testaments have been given away by them.

The above are the results only of the missionaries themselves.

II. The Achievements in Home Mission Work

(1) \$5,341,609.81 have been spent in Home Mission work in the South during the four years.

(2) The Building Loan Fund has passed the \$1,000,000, during this time.

(3) Hundreds of churches have been helped by gifts and loans during this time.

(4) The great Tuberculosis Sanatorium has been built in Texas during this time.

(5) The Cuban work has been enlarged and the site for College has been secured in Havana.

(6) The Panama Canal work has been greatly strengthened and two new chapels have been built in this time.

(7) A Mexican School building has been erected in El Paso, Texas, in this time.

(8) A Seaman's Institute has been established at Jacksonville, Fla.

(9) The Mountain Schools have been better equipped and the student body has been doubled.

(10) Thousands of church members have been enlisted in the work of Jesus Christ in the world during this time.

(11) More than 50,000 converts annually have been secured as a result of the labours of the Home Missionaries.

(12) The work among the Foreigners in our midst has been enlarged and strengthened during this time.

(13) The work among the Indians still in our midst has been enlarged and greatly improved in this time.

(14) The work among the 10 Million Negroes in our South Land has received more than usual attention in the way of education, training and evangelism.

(15) The Home Mission workers have preached during this time 650,249 sermons, conducted 80,402 prayer meetings, made 948,680 religious visits, baptized 173,602 converts, added 277,968 members to churches, held 4,328 worker's Conferences, secured 11,772 volunteers for ministerial and missionary service, improved 1,874 houses of worship, organized 1,698 new Sunday Schools, gave away 51,108 copies of Bible, and distributed 33,625,252 pages of tracts. The above are the results only of the missionaries themselves.

III. The Achievements in caring for the

Orphans

(1) \$3,99,219.75 have been spent in this work out of the 75 Million fund during this time.

(2) Two new homes for orphans have been established, making a total now of 19.

(3) More than 4,000 boys and girls have been cared for annually during this time.

(4) The total amount from all sources expended on these homes during this time has been \$9,000,000.

(5) Several new buildings have been erected during this time.

(6) The homes have had to turn away as many as they have in the homes for the lack of room.

(7) The present value of the property is estimated at \$4,000,000.

(8) The homes own and cultivate 7,000 acres of land.

(9) The children in these homes are evangelized and educated and trained for the life here and also for the life to come.

IV. The Achievements in Christian Education

(1) \$13,407,906.34 have been spent in Christian Education during the four years.

(2) The gain in property and endowment has been \$16,963,697, an increase of 61% during this time.

(3) There are now 119 schools and the gain in students attendance has been 30% in this time.

(4) There are now 2,890 ministerial students enrolled in these schools.

(5) There are also enrolled for other Christian service 2,000 students.

(6) Most of the schools have attained a higher standard of work during this period.

(7) Many new buildings have been erected on the campus of these schools.

(8) The endowments have been greatly enlarged during this period.

V. The Achievements in Ministerial Relief Work

(1) \$1,440,133.31 have been contributed out of the 75 Million fund for this cause.

(2) \$500,013.86 have been distributed out of this to the Old and Infirm preachers of the South.

(3) \$450,000 have been accumulated as a reserved fund for this relief work.

(4) \$1,100,000 for the Annuity Endowment Fund which is permanently invested.

(5) The maximum now paid to any infirm minister or dependent family or minister out of this annuity fund annually is \$500.

(6) The Board is now helping 925 beneficiaries in the south.

VI. The Achievements in Foreign Mission Work

(1) \$9,235,521.66 have been spent in this work during this period.

(2) \$1,003,390.68 have been contributed to the 75 Million Fund by the churches on the Foreign Field.

(3) Southern Baptists are now doing work in fifteen foreign countries, and the results of the work during the past four years have been as follows:

(4) The increase in new churches has been 76%.

(5) The increase in church members on the fields has been 108%.

(6) The increase in church buildings has been 45%.

(7) The increase in number of schools has been 55%.

(8) The increase in number of students in these schools has been 108%.

(9) The increase in number of missionaries sent out during this time has been 63%.

(10) The increase in native missionaries has been 264%.

(11) The increase in number of missionary homes has been ?

(12) The increase of number of hospital buildings has been 21%.

(13) The increase in number of treatments has been 61%.

(14) The increase in number of hospital beds has been 104%.

(15) The Mission forces have been doubled during the past four years.

(16) The students in the schools have been more than doubled.

The above figures have been taken from the report sent out by the 75 Million Headquarters at Nashville to the pastors of the South. The Lord has so abundantly blessed the work of Southern Baptists during the 75 Million period that it seems to me that every Baptist in the South will be willing to make any kind of sacrifice this year to pay the balance due.

The cost of operating this great Missionary and benevolent business has been about five per cent. In other words about 95 cents out of every dollar contributed by Southern Baptists to Missions and Benevolences reaches the end in view. The overhead expense is only five per cent. This is the most economical business in the world.

The Regional Conference in Jackson, in the interest of the Campaign, drew from Hinds, Rankin, Scott, Copiah, Smith, Madison, Yazoo and Holmes Counties. There was a healthy tone of faith in every utterance and a purpose to win. The meeting gave a beautiful sense of fellowship in a great and holy task and awakened hope and cheer in our hearts.

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WHAT IS MADE MANIFEST IS LIGHT

Recently in the Inquiry Department there was an interpretation of the passage in Ephesians 5:13, "Everything that is made manifest is light." This is not to give an interpretation, but to call attention to some of the implications and applications of the truth of that scripture. A definition of light is not easy and would be different according to your point of view. The physicist will tell you that it is a series of ether vibrations of certain wave lengths. Other wave lengths would give you a different result, as heat, or electrical energy. But we are now talking about those vibrations which result in light.

But why should these vibrations be called light, for they might pass before our very eyes any moment, or always, and we would never know it. In other words, light is of itself invisible. Nobody ever saw light, that is the abstract principle of light. If the sunlight should enter your room through a small opening and strike straight across it, finding an opening on the other side through which it finds its way out, you would never know it was there. It is only when it strikes something in the room which it makes visible, only then does the light itself become visible. That which is thus made manifest is light. It is only when the ray of light strikes certain particles of dust in passing, or a chair in the room, or the wall on the opposite side, that its presence is revealed. You would never know it had visited your room if it hadn't struck something, any more than you would know a burglar was there if he had not stumbled on a chair.

Again, when our part of the earth is turned away from the sun, we are in darkness. The sun is still shining; its rays are passing by our world with noiseless tread, and as invisible as a troop of spirits. We do not see the light as it passes. It is only those rays from the sun which strike the moon or the planets which become visible to us. We see the moon and the planets. They are made manifest, and "whatsoever is made manifest is light." These things that become visible become also light givers. They give their light by night, because they are the only objects in our world which the sun's rays touch. They are transformed from invisible objects to light bearers. Paul did not say that which makes manifest is light, but "Everything that is made manifest is light." American Revision.

The applications of this principle are manifold. God is light; but he is the invisible God. By the creation of the world, the invisible things of him are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made. Our knowledge of him is by the reflected light of creation. Or again as to his moral qualities, he becomes known to us only in his incarnation in Jesus Christ. The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten from the Father. We know God through Jesus Christ. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." "In him dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead bodily." To us He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the same way truth, merely abstract truth, is mean-

ingless to the average man. Any man will say with Pilate "What is truth?" He wants to see its concrete expression. It is for this reason that the Bible is made up largely of history and biography. It is more interesting, more comprehensible, more effective. It is in the men and women and events portrayed in the Bible that we know right and wrong, justice and injustice, veracity and falsehood, mercy and cruelty, sin and grace, life and death. It is the glint of the sunlight on the river which shows its presence. It is the sparkle of God's glory on the stream of time and the ocean of humanity that shows us his holiness and his mercy. It is the life of Christ and his death and resurrection which teach us the beauty of God's holiness, his love and his power. It is the concrete demonstration of it that makes visible and real the character of the invisible God. It is God's judgment upon sin shown in history and in individual cases which makes us know that he is a God of righteousness. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold down the truth in unrighteousness.

Now Paul's exhortation to us is that we are to reprove and convict sin, to turn the light on it, to point out specific cases of it. The revelation of it and the condemnation of it in concrete and specific cases will do far more than proclaiming the abstract principle of truth and righteousness. Show it up in its own colors and enormity. When you do this you bring conviction. To turn on the light in the Teapot Dome scandal will produce a healthy moral reaction. It is the only hope of bringing relief and correction and redemption. One case of sin exposed and confessed will do more to bring conviction and repentance than all the preaching on repentance and conviction. The confession of sin under preaching that searched the heart and life brought about the great revival in Korea.

This principle carried out in preaching is the only thing that makes the gospel effective. It must be concrete, objective, personal; not abstract and general. John the Baptist did not simply command or preach that men should repent. He made it concrete and personal. He said, "Let him that hath two suits of clothes give to him that has none, and the same with bread." "Exact no more than is due you; do violence to no man, be content with your wages. Come forward and own up to your sin." "Come into the river and express in baptism your purpose to live a new life." One big sinner saved and set to serving God is the best sermon any community ever heard. Paul was his own best sermon: "That in me as chief might Jesus show forth all his long suffering, for an example of them that should hereafter believe on him unto eternal life."

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Is a belief in the virgin birth necessary? To be sure a good deal depends on what you embrace in that word necessary. But before going into that word let us look into the question of the virgin birth.

There are a few people—we prefer to believe they are few—who say that it is not necessary to accept the doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ in order to believe in his deity. Hypothetically, or, as some people say, academically, that may be true. That is to say purely as a matter of speculation or reasoning, it is conceivable that one may believe that Jesus was and is divine, that he was and is the Son of God, that he was the eternal and only begotten Son, without at the same time accepting the explanation that he became a human being by being conceived of a virgin under the power of the Spirit of God. It is possible to say that deity united with his humanity at some subsequent period, at his baptism or some other time. This was the actual teaching of a few people back in the early centuries, but they were never regarded as representative Christians.

But notice on the other hand what is involved in the denial of the virgin birth. This much is

certain to begin with: one cannot deny the virgin birth of Jesus, nor even hold it open to question in his mind, nor regard it as negligible matter, and still believe in the divine inspiration and authority of the gospel narratives in Matthew and Luke. These two authors of the lives of our Lord state as plainly as language can make it that "The birth of Jesus was on this wise," and no other, that he was conceived of the virgin Mary before she had lived with Joseph and that she had not known a man. To deny the virgin birth is to deny the truthfulness of these narratives and so to destroy faith in the accounts we have of all he did and said. If Jesus was not born of a virgin then we have no reliable record in Matthew and Luke of his life. To hold their statement open to question is to deny the divine authorship of the books. There are those of course who do not hesitate to do this; but anybody who questions the account of the virgin birth ought to know where it places him as to his faith in the Bible, and not fool himself into thinking it is not a matter of importance.

Another thing which the denial of the virgin birth involves is the honor and virtue of all the parties involved in it. If Jesus was not born of a virgin then the natural alternative is that he was born of an impure woman, one who palmed off on others a lie to hide her shame or to perpetrate a deception practiced on the nation and the world. Then Joseph also was party to the shame and the deception and there was a wide conspiracy to form a messianic hoax on the world. Either this or that later on a conspiracy was formed by others to manufacture and perpetuate a religious fraud. Now there are people in the world who do not hesitate at this charge, but they hardly call themselves Christians. And what we are pointing out here is that any man who calls himself a Christian and stumbles at the supernatural conception of Jesus is putting himself in a very undesirable class and he ought to know beforehand what company he is going to keep before he speaks. It is to tarnish the name of every one connected with the beginnings of the Christian religion, and to declare foul the source of that which has made the world cleaner and purer than all other moral forces combined.

Now a word as to the origin of this questioning as to the virgin birth of Jesus. It masquerades under the guise of a "scientific doubt"; it is said that such a conception is unlike anything we know of in nature, experience or history. There are two replies to this. In the first place our science, our knowledge of the beginnings and propagation of life are very limited indeed. There is a vast area in this field which is unexplored, and it becomes all of us to speak with modesty of what we know so little about.

The other thing that needs to be said is that this objection is of a piece with all the objections to everything miraculous or supernatural. If there is no miracle, then there is no Christianity. It is all a humbug and delusion. If there is nothing supernatural, then there is no religion, no God, no worship, no faith and no hope. We are only animals and there is no righteousness, but such as is enforced by necessity and conventionality. The raising a question about the virgin birth of Christ is a stupid blunder of the devil which can only deceive the unwary, the vicious or the demoniacal.

One way in which the prohibition laws could be aided, would be by eliminating all jests and would-be jokes on the subject. Every thing that is intended to be funny about the "dryness" of the country, should be left out of print. Not only that, it should be eliminated from conversation. Often, an otherwise good newspaper will carry a joke that casts reflections on the prohibition laws. It ought not to be so. The good men who edit these papers should be more careful. No law of the United States Government should be held in light esteem nor regarded as a jest. At best, a joke of this kind, is a poor one.

—Mrs. Inez Long Ray.

INQUIRY

"CLEANSING THEIR HEARTS BY FAITH" Acts 15:9

The apostle declared that God had made no distinction between Jew and Gentile; that they of the circumcision had no advantage whatever over those of uncircumcision, in the matter of salvation.

Note the change wrought in them through the gospel: the cleansing of their hearts. Not a mere outward reformation. It is a change in man's spiritual life, through the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit. It is making clean the "inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside thereof may become clean also." It is making pure the fountain, that the stream may be pure. Or, to change the figure again, it is making the tree good, that its fruit may be good.

This is the work of God, the Holy Spirit, in regeneration. The believing Pharisees contended that this cleansing was for those only, who were brought into covenant relation to God by the ordinance of circumcision.

But the apostle declared that this cleansing was for both Jews and Gentiles, alike, by faith in the atoning merit of the blood of Christ. No outward ceremony can, in any way, qualify a sinner for salvation. It is altogether by grace, through faith.

—D. W. McLeod.

Schlater, Miss.

BEING CHANGED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST. 2 Cor. 3:18

We all, Paul and all other Christians.

Open face, a face without any covering.

Beholding, looking at intently until we see clearly.

As in a glass, seeing an image as reflected by a mirror.

Changed into the same image, transformed into the same kind of image which is seen in the mirror.

From glory to glory, from one degree of glory to a greater degree of glory. As we see more glory we receive more glory.

As by the Spirit of the Lord, the transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit.

In this passage our thoughts are directed to the shining face of Moses as recorded in Ex. 34:29-35.

Moses had spent forty days and forty nights with the Lord. When he came down to the people, the glory of the Lord was seen in his face. Moses did not know his face had been changed. The brightness of his face frightened the folks, so that he had to put a veil over his face, when he told the people what God had said. When he went back to talk to the Lord, and listen to the Lord, he removed the veil.

It is the privilege of all, whose hearts have been purified, to come into close touch with God, and to see him. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God."

My faith in Jesus is my mirror. Jesus put me in the path before him, and says, "Walk before me and be perfect", as he said to Abraham. I look into my mirror. I see His image. In His face I see some of His glory. The clearness with which I see His face and His glory depends upon the condition of my mirror.

The Holy Spirit limits himself in his work of changing me into the image of Christ, according to the clearness of my conception of Christ and his glory.

—J. R. Sumner.

Sixteen members of Kewanee Church in Lauderdale County have agreed to cultivate one acre each this year for God. Several associations have already taken up this plan and will push it. See advertisement on back page of this issue.

Inez Long Ray.

Is your Sunday School to observe the fourth Sunday, next Sunday, as Missionary Day?

Mrs. Mary Dampeer of Crystal Springs, widow of the late Dr. L. M. Dampeer, passed away the morning of March 17th. She was truly rich in grace and her life and memory are a benediction.

The Memphis Mirror, an all church weekly, had a large section devoted to Pastor W. M. Bostick and his new church building in a recent issue. The pictures looked good and the information was inspiring.

Pastor Ben Cox follows the plan in Central Church, Memphis, of having specially invited groups as guests at the evening services. He had all the Memphis Hospitals represented at a recent service, sending autos for those patients who wished to come.

Mr. George Horace Lorimer in an editorial in the Saturday Evening Post says that the Teapot Dome revelation is worse than a scandal, it is a symptom. If this is true, and it seems that it is, then the world is in a fearful fix. It means simply that the human race is just like the Bible represents it, universally and totally depraved. These breakings out are not the disease. They indicate a fatal malady within. The heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. This is not a popular doctrine, and Mr. Lorimer may get himself in bad with the up to date theologians. But it is saying the plain truth.

The revival meeting at the Second Baptist Church closed Sunday night. It was a meeting in which the church was greatly benefited. Dr. Fraser's sermons were without strained effort at effect. He did not strive, nor cry, nor lift up his voice in the street, but presented the truth in a winsome way. Brother Joe Canzoneri leads the singing with joyfulness and genuine spiritual power. Mississippians believe in him; for they know him. Pastor H. M. King watched the interest and the attendance grow from day to day till the close. It was a strenuous, joyous season of revival. Thirteen were received by letter and twenty-nine for baptism. This church is accustomed to additions every Sunday, so that the field for ingathering was limited.

Plant one acre for God.

BOOKS

Psychology and Preaching

This is a book by Dr. C. S. Gardner, professor of Homeletics and Sociology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, published by the MacMillan Company, and has about 400 pages. It is for students and especially for preachers; we do not mean for school boys but for people who study and are willing to work their minds. Some people who cross the ocean have no curiosity about going down in the engine rooms below deck and seeing how the machinery works. Others have great pleasure and profit in going through it all and understanding the mechanism and the process by which power is generated, transmitted and applied in putting the great vessel across the ocean. If you belong to the latter class among preachers and public speakers you will enjoy and be profited by this book. It shows how the intellectual, emotional and volitional powers and processes are set in motion and produce moral and spiritual results under the direction of the preacher. It is intended to help him to get better and larger results. It will be read and studied by a large class of serious minded preachers and religious workers. Most men who own a Ford car can run it, but many of them do not know even the names of the parts in the internal machinery. But somebody has to know all about its insides, or it would soon be out of commission. So most preachers do not know the inner mechanism of the human mind. They may

not even understand the explanation which Dr. Gardner gives in this book. But it is a good thing to have somebody who knows the structure of the machine. A seminary professor serves in the office of a mechanic at the garage, and is a very necessary factor in the making of the best type of preaching.

William Jennings Bryan

This book has as the subtitle, A Study in Political Vindication, and has for its purpose to show how time has vindicated and other people have adopted the policies which originated with Mr. Bryan or had him for a special advocate. The author takes up his influence in bringing about the present monetary system, his advocacy of peace treaties, his attitude toward the trusts, his influence in securing prohibition, in woman suffrage and the income tax amendment. Mr. Bryan has been and still is a mighty force in statesmanship and public morals, and this book will help to do him justice in the public mind. It is published by Revell for \$1.00.

Conflict and Conquest in Holiness

Dr. J. C. Massee is well known in Mississippi, throughout the South and all over the country. He is a preacher in what is perhaps the best known Baptist pulpit in America, Tremont Temple in Boston. He is the author of a number of books, and this one is a section of his recent ministry. It is a series of sermons on the book of Joshua, with applications to present day life and work. They are sermons which have helped others as they were delivered and will be a great stimulus to Christian life and service to everybody who reads them. Published by Revell.

Nineteenth Century Evolution and After

Mr. Dawson is one of the most virile writers and versatile thinkers we have read after for a long time. Your interest will not tire as you read this book. You will probably not agree with everything he says: certainly this reviewer does not. He believes that Evolution can be so so amended, and will be, as to be acceptable to evangelical Christians and to explain the processes of nature. It is published by MacMillan Publishing Company.

Studies in the Gospel of Mark

This is largely a republication and compilation of articles written by Dr. A. T. Robertson for various magazines, here gathered into a group of instructive and interesting chapters and published by Doran. It is good to come at the study of the Bible from various angles and this book gives the results of Dr. Robertson's studies in the New Testament which are well worth preserving and reading. It is a small book, selling for \$1.00.

Present Day Preaching

Dr. W. D. Nowlin is himself an exceptionally good preacher and writes in a terse epigrammatic style which is always striking and readable. His books previously published show a genuine enthusiasm for the truth and this one is not different. He tells of the dangers and difficulties and points the way to effectiveness in preaching. One danger which he does not point out, and which ought to be included in any subsequent edition, is the danger of preaching for money. It is subtle and too common. The book is published by the Baptist Book Concern, and sells for \$1.25.

Kentucky Baptist History

This is also by Dr. W. D. Nowlin and is a valuable contribution to Baptist History. The separate states are taking great interest in their religious history. Kentuckians have great reason to be proud of their history. This one is brief, can be read in a few hours. It is published by The Baptist Book Concern and sells for about \$1.50.

Plant one acre for God.

TWO GREAT CAMPAIGN DEMONSTRATIONS

By L. R. Scarborough

By the invitation of the laymen of Louisville, Kentucky, I attended a meeting of the representatives of the churches, preachers and laymen of the Long Run Association which includes more than 50 churches in and around Louisville. The meeting was held in the Walnut Street Baptist Church. They had a delightful supper and an enticing fellowship. Judge Marshall, the chairman of the Men's Union, and Mr. Bruner, the General Director, were in charge. They had an interesting program. They organized and cleared the deck for a great frontal attack on the difficulties of the 75 Million Campaign. I have never seen a finer spirit and more solidified unity. They seemed to be of one mind and that is the mind to win. They pledged during Victory Week probably the largest amount pledged by any association in the South; if not so, nearly so—\$1,082,000.00. They have raised to date \$727,823.00. They have yet to raise more than \$358,000.00 to reach the amount of their pledges. They set themselves to finishing the task worthily. There were more than 250 present, picked men, preachers and laymen, mainly laymen—a fine set of consecrated, loyal determined workers for the Master. I spoke to them on three vital questions:

1. "Are we able to win and make our victory complete?"
2. "Why should we win and make victory complete?"
3. "How we can win."

And then in a great spiritual wave of power, God coming on us, I asked the question, "Will we win?" Every man in the room with enthusiasm and purpose said, "By the grace of God, we will pay our pledges and do our best to bring our churches and our associations up to the full amount of our pledges." It was an hour of decision and power.

On the next day, by the invitation of the Southern Seminary forces, I spoke in chapel to the faculty and students and some friends. The chapel was more than crowded. It is not large enough to hold the student body. A man rarely ever looks on a finer group of God-called, consecrated, educated, trained men and women, devoted to the cause of Christ. President Mullins was back in the chapel for the first time in many weeks, very much improved, with the assurance from his doctors that he is soon to be well. He was most heartily welcomed back by the great school that loves him. I spoke from my heart on the vital matters of the Campaign and pressed these Heavenly interests on the consciences of those who are at this great center of Baptist influence. In a great enthusiasm at the close of the address, faculty and students promised their prayers, their heartfelt and sympathetic co-operation, and the full length of their strength to bringing a glorious victory to the cause of our Savior. Thus, the Southern Seminary and recently the Baptist Institute and the Southwestern Seminary with their faculties and their students, committed themselves without reserve to the finishing of this task. It is glorious to contemplate this one of if not the leading association of the South—the Long Run—and these three great seminaries, committing themselves to full-length strength for victory. I believe that this is the sentiment of the institutional life among Baptists throughout the South.

There are just two things we need now to do. One is to possess the will to win; and the other is get the money, which will mark and complete our victory.

Pastor C. H. Mize sends in a check to pay for the Baptist Record for all the families in old Silver Creek Church. He pays the bill himself because he feels that it is a good investment which will bring returns in largely increased spiritual life for his people. He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

THE SPIRIT OF VICTORY

By E. L. Wesson

(Published by request of the Regional Conference of New Albany, Miss.)

Victory is triumph over an enemy, or over opposition, or over hurtful tendencies, or over tremendous difficulties; therefore it may be said that the spirit of victory is the inward sense that foresees victory and brings it to pass; or the spirit of exultation over victory won. It may be both, but we need to use it now of that inward sense or sight which foresees that victory can be won and is determined that it shall be won.

The spirit of victory in this sense is a production. It is produced in the soul by seeing that a certain thing needs to be done, that on account of definite conditions or facts it must be done, that regardless of conditions it can be done, and by the determination that it shall be done. The Christian spirit of victory, needed by Baptists now, is all of this plus the triumphing spirit of faith in God's inworking, co-operating, All-mighty, helping power that it shall be done.

The on-moving, dominating spirit of victory always precedes actual victory. It is never possessed by all, but it must be possessed by some. Somebody must foresee victory or courage will fail when the seemingly insurmountable obstacles arise. The spirit of victory, or unforeseen miracles, has won every battle. But for the spirit of victory Columbus never could have pressed on under the tremendous odds that fought against him.

But for this spirit Paul would have given up the fight, when pressed by foes without and foes within, but he saw the crown laid up for him.

But for this spirit even our Lord himself could not have endured the sufferings that He bore. It was the vision of the joy that was set before Him that enabled Him to endure the cross, despising the shame, and then sit down at the right hand of God.

Moses also had this wonderful spirit of victory, and in it, and behind it, the inspiring fellowship of God, or he would have given up in despair. It is written of him, "He endured as seeing Him who is invisible". This spirit is seen in all of the triumphs of God's people recorded in the Bible. It sparkles in all the triumphs of life, glows in the triumphs of nations, and shines in the triumphs of the churches of Christ.

You will notice, if you undertake to study this line, that it has always been that the more really great the task undertaken, and the more glory to God there is in it, the greater the combined opposition there is to it, and consequently the greater are the hindrances, the obstacles, the difficulties, the sufferings, and the sacrifices in the way to victory. There never has been any great thing undertaken for God's Glory and for human good, that it did not seem that all things, elemental and physical, mental and spiritual, did not combine to prevent its being done, and but for the spirit of victory in a few nothing would ever have been carried to victory: for the spirits of the masses were crushed by the combined opposition and seemingly impossible tasks and were ever ready to give up. But the few said, God wants it done, it must be done, it can be done, it shall be done, despite conditions. This was the spirit that moved our fathers in the war of the revolution. Noble spirit!

To have this spirit we need to FEEL that we are actually working together with God, and that our work is wholly for God, and that the spirit of victory in us is the spirit of God MOVING US ON.

The spirit of victory never counts the cost to self. He who stops to count the cost will never win. The spirit of victory in undertakings for God says, it must be done for the glory of God, and it shall be done though I die in the conflict. Less than that will never win. Not that every one will have that spirit, but some must, and some will.

One great good to come from our great struggle in this mighty task, against which it seems

some powers have combined to make us fail, is the development of this spirit of victory in God's people, and the bringing out of leaders who can lead us on to greater things. Even the angels of God must rejoice to see this soul-moving, self-denying, unconquerable spirit moving God's people on in real sacrificial giving to win the greatest victory they ever won, and to hear them saying, "By the grace of God it shall be done."

Those who have that spirit have a hard old task. They not only have to do their own part, but they have to drag on a mighty load of dispirited souls who are already defeated in heart. God help by the inspiring spirit.

Brethren, before us lies the mightiest task that ever confronted Baptists. A task self-assumed. Somehow a mighty heart-moving spirit stirred the consciences of our leaders until they planned this tremendous undertaking, and somehow we all joined in the movement, feeling that God needed it and that we could and would do it. We started gloriously! We promised sacrificially! We went over the top! But then came the awful tests, for which millions never looked to come. Prices dropped, crops failed, pests came, everything to discourage. Thousands threw up the sponge and said "We can't", and quit; notwithstanding the fact they had made their pledges to God and His work; and the awful struggle began. But notwithstanding all of this we gave almost two-thirds of the seventy-five millions promised inside of four years. Now the question is, can we, and will we, raise the other one-third this year and go over the top to victory? Some have the spirit of victory and say "YES, God helping us YES!"

The victory spirit says, We must! the glory of God demands it, the good of humanity requires it, the honor of God's people, the Baptists, makes it a necessity.

To fail means to blot the worthy name by which we are called with the dirty smirch of failure—a stench that will never wash out. Our spirit of vision when we undertook the task may have been too great, we may have over reached our ability in what we promised, but the spirit of victory says, "Having promised it we must pay, regardless of how much we have to sacrifice. Honor, truthfulness, reputation, the glory of God are all involved, and we must. Though hard we can do it and God will bless us." Then rising to the sublime height of the spirit of Him who said, "For this cause came I into the world", the spirit of victory says "We must, we can, we will." May God give that spirit to every Baptist from now till next December, making everyone do his or her very best, and then let us have the joy of the spirit of exultation over victory won to the glory of God.

To obtain this victory spirit, those who have the fire must touch the hearts of those who have it not. God used that means to give the spirit to undertake the task, and that only can produce the victory spirit in those who need it and inspire them to sacrificial effort.

This having those with the victory spirit touching others who have it not, will require the sending of men with the spirit of victory all over the land, especially into the country churches where stewardship has not been taught, and where the hard knock of low prices and last year's short crops almost paralyzed the energies and crushed the spirits of the good people. Such do not need to go to blame, but to cheer and inspire to do. Such leaders are needed not only for the Lord's work, but for every work. The people are discouraged. They need a Moses, a Daniel, or a Paul, whose spirits triumphed over every difficulty and climbed to the mountain tops of success, and died victoriously, and now stand looking back and beckoning us on.

Men who have this spirit ought to be turned loose by their churches to go all that they can go, and the churches should invite them and arrange for them to come until they compass the land and kindle the fires of Christian loyalty and determination in every church. Then with the victory spirit we would sweep over the top to victory.

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BAPTIST 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

SERVICE ROLLS COMING

The first church to revise its organization and send in the Revised Service Roll properly filled out, after the general announcement had been made, was Mt. Vernon, Mississippi Association, Rev. E. A. Sandifer, Osyka, pastor. Others that have been received to date (March 15) are as follows: Bethel, Tate County Association, Rev. E. S. Flynt, pastor; Coldwater and Hopewell, same association and pastor.

We hope all the pastors will take seriously the great importance of thoroughly organizing their churches for the task that is before us in this closing year of the Campaign. Fill out the Revised Service Roll and send copy to this office and thereby register your determination to complete the job. It cannot be done without organization.

TRACTS FOR DISTRIBUTION

We have the following tracts for free distribution. Order them in such quantities as you can use to advantage:

BIBLE JOTTINGS

By E. B. Hatcher

"Oh my, I wish I knew how to study the Bible." You do, do you? Why not start in? "I do not know where to start, and I do not know how to begin."

Is that your trouble, friend reader? Why, pick one of the short books of the Bible and begin with that one. Try Philemon. You can read it through in three minutes. It has only twenty-five verses.

Read it rapidly three times, without stopping to examine any verse. Read it to find out what it is about.

Who wrote it? You will find the author's name at the very beginning of the book. In fact, the first word of the book is the author's name. The last word is—well, you find it, reader. It begins with A.

It is a short story. The hero—well, I think the hero is the author himself, though he does not intend it that way. A striking character in the story is a young man, who runs away from home to the city of Rome and there the biggest thing happens to him that could happen to any person. He may not have had as good a chance as some of the young men of that day, for he, in some way, had come to be the property of another man. Yes, he was owned by a man. Such things were done in that day, and the young man's home was in the city of Colosse.

This youth does not show up in very bright colors in the first part of the story, for he seems to have run away from his owner, or master. But far worse than that he seems to have robbed him. Such was the situation with this young fellow when he landed in the imperial city.

In that same city of Rome, at the time of the arrival of the young man, the great Apostle Paul was living as a prisoner of the Emperor. In some very strange way the young man and the apostle came together. Whether the young man was cast in prison himself, or whether he was carried by an acquaintance to hear the apostle talk about his religion, we do not know, but—well reader, take the book and read the beautiful story. Read it over and over and then study its different statements, and when you get through I really think you will conclude that the hero of the story is Christ. See if you do not.

"What \$48,000,000 Has Wrought", Campaign Commission.

"Our Covenants and Our Consciences", Campaign Commission.

"The Need of a Great Finish", Dr. E. Y. Mullins.

"Mississippi Baptists' Challenge", Dr. R. B. Gunter.

"The Group Idea in the Mississippi Finish Up Program", N. T. Tull.

"Perfecting the Associational Organization", N. T. Tull.

"How to Win" (Envelope Enclosure), Campaign Commission.

"The Christian's Stewardship", Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson.

"The Local Church and the Every-member Canvass", Dr. J. T. Henderson.

"The Farmer and His Tithe", Dr. J. T. Henderson.

"God's Tenth", Dr. A. J. Gordon.

PLANT ONE ACRE FOR GOOD

Read the plan on back page of this issue. Then start the movement in your church. Do it now. The time for planting is here.

TEN THINGS WHICH THOSE WILL DO WHO PAY THEIR CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

By J. F. Love, Cor. Sec'y.

1. They will help to make a success of the biggest and worthiest thing Southern Baptists ever attempted to do.

2. They will enter into fellowship with many choice and saintly spirits who have made sacrifices to pay their pledges and save the honor of Southern Baptists as well as the causes which they are fostering.

3. They will help to stop a frightful interest account which the Mission Boards have been compelled to incur while waiting for the payment of these pledges.

4. They will help to save many institutions at home and abroad into which many of God's saints living and dead have put money, labor and prayers.

5. They will help to save thousands on all mission fields who will die without hearing the gospel if this Campaign does not send it to them.

6. They will save the heart and hope of many missionaries who are sorely discouraged because they now feel that their brethren have forgotten them.

7. They will put new confidence and zeal into many Christians on mission fields who having been led to join us in sacrificial service are now discouraged at the report that many Southern Baptists are failing to sacrifice as they have done.

8. They will help to propagate the gospel in lands where it is corrupted and in others where it is not known.

9. They will help to strengthen the distinctive Baptist faith and program in all the world.

10. They will help to save a distressed and sinful world and give it the Prince of Peace.

PASTORS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

On March the 3rd at eleven o'clock a representative members of the Gulfport pastors assembled in the Masonic Temple at Gulfport and organized the Gulf Coast Baptist Pastors' Association with Rev. B. F. Whitten as President and Rev. P. S. Dodge acting Secretary. Co-operating with each other through this association the pastors expect to do a greater work

along the Coast. The next meeting will be held March 13th one o'clock in the First Baptist Church of Gulfport.

P. S. DODGE, Secretary.

EDUCATION BOARD RECEIPTS

May 1923—February 1924

Alabama	4,637.83
Arkansas	3,353.34
District of Columbia	1,521.36
Florida	3,056.15
Georgia	13,642.58
Illinois	
Kentucky	24,687.70
Louisiana	4,201.07
Maryland	
Mississippi	15,053.54
Missouri	7.00
New Mexico	338.50
North Carolina	14,525.00
Oklahoma	2,040.41
South Carolina	7,736.80
Tennessee	3,500.00
Texas	10,000.00
Virginia	2,500.00

110,801.28

Several of the states remit periodically rather than monthly. The above amount is about eleven thousand dollars less than for the corresponding period of last year, but this may be easily accounted for by the fact that one state, which is one of the largest contributors and which last year remitted monthly, this year has sent but one remittance.

This amount does not include funds sent to the Southwide schools direct from the states and not through this Board; also the amounts which the states charge against this Board for Campaign Expenses. These amounts are reported annually.

The above amount does not include funds sent by Kentucky for the Building Fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$5,143.26, and for the W. M. U. Expense Fund, \$1,028.66. These two objects are not included in the Southwide allocation.

—Albert R. Bond.

TENNESSEE VILLAGE CHURCH, WITH FEW MEN IN IT, SETS LIBERAL PACE

A former pastor of the little church at Stanton, Tenn., writes about the heroic example of that church in its relation to the Campaign, all of which has been done since this pastor left. Here is what he says of it:

"There is a little church at Stanton, Tenn., a small half-time church that was paying their pastor about \$420.00 when the Campaign was launched, with forty odd members. They were given a quota of \$5,000, which was really out of all reason. They subscribed \$7,000 and have paid \$6,000 to date and say that they intend to pay the full \$7,000 before the end of the year. There are but three or four men in the church, the rest women and children and none of them wealthy. It happens that I had charge of the church before going to the Seminary—but they did all of this after my leaving."

QUESTION FOR INFORMATION

As the Baptist Record is the religious forum for Baptists, I want to submit a question merely for information.

It seems that from time immemorial it has been the custom to use freely the words, "whereas", "therefore", and "be it resolved", in writing up resignations of pastors and deaths. In a single notice not long ago I counted three whereases, two therefores and five resolves.

I want to ask this question: What is the origin or authority for the use of these terms in this connection, and are they really necessary? Will the editor or some other good-looking brother give us this information?

Liberty, Miss.

—Geo. W. Riley.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Our Baptist Opportunity

Breathes there a Southern Baptist, with soul so dead,
 Who never to himself has said,
 "This 75 Million Campaign is my joy
 And my opportunity to honor and magnify my King,
 And help this earth His praise to sing",
 Whose heart has ne'er within him burned,
 As home the missionaries returned
 With messages from foreign lands?
 Who has not given of himself,
 And gladly given of his wealth,
 That the Good News of Christ the Lord,
 Throughout the round world may be heard,
 Who will not now with effort grand
 Give Christ first place with heart and hand,
 And give and Give and GIVE again
 Above, beyond what he had planned
 That Christ our King exalted be,
 And lands in darkness be set free,—
 Oh, may we all with glad accord,
 First on our knees before our Lord,
 Then give and GIVE our very best
 And thus through victory we be blessed,
 And hear our Savior's name confessed,
 And the world be clothed in His righteousness.

—Mrs. L. L. Roberts,
 Pres. Ky. W. M. U.

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 August—Home Missions.
 September—Stewardship of Time and Personality.
 October—Ways of Winning (Year Book)
 November—The Child and the Future of the South.
 December—Children of Other Lands.

Interesting Letter From Japan

Sienan Jo Gakuin, Kokura, Japan.

Dear Friends:

How can so much time pass in such a short time? Your lovely Christmas present has been here for some time. Many letters of appreciation have been written you, but unfortunately they have failed to get on paper. Anyway we all en-

joyed the lovely books and want to thank each and every one of you for them.

We had a very busy Christmas but a very happy one. The number of Christmas entertainments were only fourteen—all well attended. There was a greater expression of the real Christmas meaning than we had ever realized.

Our work has been most encouraging since our return. I think the great earthquake has brought about a change in the minds of a great many Japanese. They are more eager for a knowledge of the true God. Our opportunities have never been so great. It makes one tremble to realize the obligations that go with these privileges. We have inquirers coming from every direction. Coming to be taught the Bible. They are restless and seeking for peace of mind and soul. Truly we are in the midst of a great whitened harvest. The grain is ripe but the laborers are far too few.

Mr. Rowe is so busy. Some weeks I scarcely see him only at breakfast. One thing that is so hard for him is the great number of baptismal services, some of which are held in the ocean while the sleet and snow continue to fall. If after a service he could go to a fire and get warm or have a hot bath or something he would not suffer so—but Sundays he goes all day in the cold.

Friends pray for us that God may take the weakest of us and use us mightily in this time of great opportunities.

One hundred and thirty of the one hundred and sixty in your girls bright school have said openly they wanted to be Christians. Nearly fifty of this number have been received into the church. Pray that your school on the mountain top may be a lighthouse with many, many rays going out to lighten the million who are within her reach. Fifty young Christians going out from this school! Help us to help them to lead many of their classmates and to so guide them that they may prove in their heathen homes what the love of God can do. They are so precious. Before the last girls were baptized as they were leaving my home after prayer meeting several were saying, "Oh, I am so happy I don't know what to do", and when I asked why they replied "Because we are going to be baptized tomorrow." True rays going out from the lighthouse on the mountain top.

Friends it was a great source of strength to meet you last year and as I recall your faces I am given greater courage to go forward in the tasks here because I know this band of God's children is praying for me.

Much love and appreciation,
 —Carrie Hooker Chiles Rowe.

THE MOTHER SPIRIT

By L. R. Scarborough

Wherever I go in the interest of the 75 Million Campaign I am trying to do one thing and that is to cause our people to have the conquering will to win a complete victory for our Master; and I believe that this can be done only by the appeal to the sacrificial spirit, calling them back to Calvary and the cross and the wonderful example our Savior set in His sacrifice for a lost world.

The finest illustration of this spirit I know is

the mother spirit, the mother instinct, the mother willingness to live or suffer or die for her child. God said, "When Zion travaileth, sons and daughters will be born unto her". It is this travelling spirit in motherhood to which I wish to call the women of the South at this important period.

The story is told that recently in the country a little boy accidentally fired a shot gun loaded with small shot into the face of his little sister, put out one eye and greatly impaired the other. The physician who was called in said, "I cannot help to save the eye; but there is a doctor in a Baptist hospital 300 miles away who can do it if anybody can." It was thirteen hours before a train would come for them to go to that hospital and doctor. The roads were bad, it having been raining for days; but the father said, "We will take her to the doctor"; and for more than fourteen hours with a steady, determined purpose and nerve he sat at the wheel and drove his car through the darkness and storm and the mud, without rest or food, the mother sitting in the back seat holding the little wounded girl. When they reached the hospital the father fell from exhaustion and the mother's arms were paralyzed; but the skill of the doctor and the care of the nurses saved the eye of the little girl. What was it that did it? It was the mother spirit. The mother said, "What are paralyzed mother arms compared with the saving of the sight and the life of my baby?"

It is that spirit that is willing to dare and die for the honor of Christ, the good name of Baptists, the witness we are to bear to a lost world which when in the hearts of Southern Baptists we are sure to win. I would call Southern women to the mother spirit. You would not hesitate to suffer or die for your child. Will you not in the same way bare your hearts and your shoulders and your prayers and your faith and yourselves under this load, in order that we may win a complete victory? Oh, that the mother spirit, the cross-passion exhibited by Christ on Calvary, should come to our men and women now! We would lift this burden off our causes and carry the banner of Christ to triumph! It is this spirit that I appeal for now. Dear women of the South, do not let us fail to win.

A LONG TIME DOING IT

A year ago last November our Baptist State Convention at Grenada appointed a committee and gave them specific orders to investigate the text books being used in our Denominational and State Schools on those subjects involving mental and physical development and publish to the world the position held by the author of these books on the question of evolution. This committee went an entire year in perfect silence. At the last session of the Convention they were continued and the order renewed. Four months of another year have gone and nothing reported done.

This committee is charged with a serious obligation and should do the work or tell their brethren why they decline to do it.

—T. J. Moore.

Plant one acre for God.

B. Y. P. U. Department

"We Study That We May Serve"

Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary

When You Receive This

The convention will be over and you will have enjoyed the greatest spiritual feast of your life if it was your privilege to attend the convention.

The Four Banners

The four B. Y. P. U. Banners awarded at the convention went to the following B. Y. P. U.'s: The Senior Banner to B. W. Griffith, First Church, Vicksburg; the Intermediate Banner to the Hazlehurst Intermediate B. Y. P. U.; the Junior Banner to Davis Memorial Jackson Junior B. Y. P. U.; and the College Banner to Clarke College. It is only fair to say that the Baldwin Intermediates made the highest averages for the year, but according to our ruling no union can take the same banner two years in succession, therefore the Intermediate Banner was awarded to the next highest union. All of these unions made good grades and especially is that true of the Davis Memorial Juniors, whose record for the year was 99%.

Schedule of Activities for April

April 6—Objects of 75 Million Campaign presented to the B. Y. P. U. by the Treasurer and effort made to get all members to pay up in full this month.

Make out report for quarter just ended and mail to State Secretary.

April 13—Read "The B. Y. P. U. Triple Eye" to Union.

April 20—Special prayer for the success of the 75 Million Campaign.

Program Committee meets this week and plans program for May.

April 27—Let entire Union sit together at evening preaching service.

If you want to read a GOOD BOOK, one that will make you sit up nights to finish because of its interest, read "Pioneering in the Southwest" by A. J. Holt.

Durant B. Y. P. U. Training School

It was the pleasure of your Secretary to spend the week of March 2-7 with the Durant Church, of which Brother J. M. Metts is pastor. The work for the week had been planned definitely and plenty of publicity had been given to the work. In addition to the work in the Durant Church, Brother Metts had planned for some work in Mt. Vernon Church, a country church ten miles away. Every morning we went to this church, or rather to the school house, where we were given an hour with the young people, then each evening at the Durant Church with an attendance of about sixty. The interest was good and we trust the work profitable.

The longest book in the Bible is Psalms (150 divisions); the longest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 119;

the longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9; the shortest book in the Bible is 2 John; the shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 117; the shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE

This has been a busy week at Mississippi Woman's College, as it has been test week. The six weeks' term will be up on the 8th and the teachers have been using most of the week to give the term tests. From all reports the quality and quantity of work has been improving each term. A goodly number were on the Honor Roll for the first semester, which has just been posted.

Students and Faculty have been rejoicing over the signal victory of the Basketball team over Hillman. A large crowd witnessed the game. Both teams played well and the game was the fastest and cleanest ever seen on the local court. Clean athletics is good for any student body. The score was 44 to 16 and gives M. W. C. claim to the state championship. We look forward to many more interesting games with Hillman in the years to come.

Many of the Seniors are getting interested in securing positions to teach next session. Any Superintendent or School Board would do well to get in touch with us if they are in need of teachers for next session. We have a number of talented young women that have had special training for work as teachers. Since the school has been placed on the Recommended List our graduates will receive a first class professional license good in any high school in the state.

On Monday night, the third, a large audience witnessed the rendering of a program by the Glee Club. Mrs. Barbara Stoult-Roeder, Head of the Voice Department, is Director of the Glee Club, composed of more than fifteen young women. The program consisted of choruses, quartets, and comic opera. All deserve much credit for the splendid way in which the program was rendered. The Club already has engagements at several places, including New Orleans. Those places that have arranged for a program should count themselves fortunate in securing this musical treat.

—Burrus Matthews,
Department of Education.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

We wonder in these days how man can continually break God's unchanging laws and seemingly get by with it. But we of the faith and the way take consolation in the fact that sooner or later right must triumph and wrong be punished.

The present moral and legal status

The SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD'S



WEEKLY MESSAGE

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MANUAL

P. E. Burroughs, Educational Secretary

This Sunday School Manual is the outgrowth of an evolutionary process. It is a part of the history of the Sunday school movement among Southern Baptists.

1. In 1902, the Sunday School Board issued a 90-page booklet entitled, "Normal Studies for the Sunday School Workers." This booklet, written by B. W. Spilman, the Board's first field worker, has by a gradual evolution become "The Sunday School Manual," as it is now offered.

2. In 1909, the Sunday School Board revised the above named book and issued "The Convention Normal Manual for Sunday School Workers." This book comprised three divisions, as follows: "Sunday School Methods and History," "The Pupil and His Needs," "The Books of the Bible," written respectively by B. W. Spilman, L. P. Leavell and H. C. Moore.

3. In 1913, "The Convention Normal Manual" was issued as a further revision. This edition comprised three Divisions: "The Sunday School," "The Pupil," and "The Bible," these Divisions being written by B. W. Spilman, L. P. Leavell and P. E. Burroughs.

4. In 1918, The Manual was revised, certain parts being rewritten, the old name and the former Divisions being continued.

5. In 1924, the book has again been revised in all of its parts and certain sections have been rewritten.

(1) The name is changed to "The Sunday School Manual."

(2) The new book comprises only two Divisions: "The Sunday School" and "The Bible."

(3) Very naturally the most extended changes are made in the treatment of "Management" (now called "Organization") and "Teaching." These sections have been rewritten in order to bring the message into full harmony with our present ideals and our present terminology.

(4) For "The Senior Department," the new book substitutes "The Young People's Department," while the age limits become: Young People's Department, 17 to about 24; Adult Department, about 25 up.

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of some cities is appalling. A man dare not walk down some of the streets in some of the cities without being insulted by the basest sort of lewd women. Yet the average man lays the blame on the woman and she bears the brunt and receives the blame.

It is the same way with your "white lightning" makers. Is it fair for the maker to bear the brunt and the user to go free? I am not making excuses for either side, but one is as guilty as the other and each should receive like penalty. You blame the officers, and rightly, for they by doing likewise and receiving bribes have made themselves guilty too, placing themselves in a position where if they enforce the law they will get into trouble, by their colleagues squealing.

Some one will say that I do not know what I am talking about. I have heard one lady tell before a house full that as long as her husband paid to the police force a certain amount that he was not bothered, but as soon as he failed to pay his bribe they jailed him. Again, I have open eyes and I know when assignation houses are wide open in defiance of the law.

What are we going to do about it? Or can we do anything? First obey the law ourselves. Then force our officers to enforce the law. Last

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but not least, maintain a single standard for all. Right is right and wrong is wrong. No matter who, or how, or where. This is God's standard and He beholds one who sins just as guilty as the other one who commits the same sin.

Let us obey God, stick to the one standard of Christian living and make clean cities to live in.

—Rev. Geo. H. Bula, B. A.

MATHISTON SUNBEAMS

We elected new officers in February. The following were elected: Lucile Welch, President; Futrelle McLain, Vice-President; Amy Adams, Secretary; Hazel McPhail, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Lou Hussy, Treasurer.

With Mrs. B. F. McPhail and Mrs. V. V. Hester as leaders we hope to make a record that we will be proud of.—Cor. Sec'y.

THE FOREIGN MISSION SCHOOL A STATEMENT AND A SUGGESTION

T. B. Ray.

The Statement.

It is in connection with foreign missions that the particular value of the Christian school shines forth. Here in our homeland a certain Christian atmosphere surrounds the young people, which inclines them toward a favorable consideration of Christianity. Besides this, much positive effort is put forth in the homeland in an endeavor to evangelize the young people before they enter our schools. Here in our country our schools are environed by Christian sentiment. In a foreign land the Christian school must create sentiment favorable to Christianity, in an atmosphere that is hostile to it. The missionary school is compelled therefore by its surroundings to keep to the front very vividly and constantly the evangelistic aim and effort.

As an evangelistic agency the Mission School is triumphantly effective. A very large portion of the converts in our mission work are made in our schools. The writer received recently a letter from one of our missionaries in a growing mission field, in which he rejoiced over the large number of baptisms. Then he remarked significantly, that this is the first time in our history when the number of candidates for baptism was larger from the community than from our schools. Another missionary with an experience of twenty-two years said recently, that more than fifty percent of our church members come from the schools. The percentage may vary in different fields, but the effectiveness of the mission school as an evangelizing agency is undoubtedly very great.

As a pioneering agency the school wins the friendship of the pupil, which in turn opens the doors of the home through which the missionary may enter for evangelizing purposes. After a time when some of the children are converted, they often become wonderful evangelists of the Grace of Christ. Thus through the schools we may evangelize not only the children who attend, but also in a great many cases their families as well.

The effective mission school has three very clearly defined aims:

1. To lead souls to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord. All teaching, of whatever subject, must have this high goal in sight evermore.
2. To train the converts so that they may become effective and efficient members of churches.
3. To train some in a special way for the work of pastors, teachers, evangelists, Bible-women, etc.

These are the great cardinal aims of the mission schools. There may be a number of additional good things that come out of these schools such as the general uplifting of the social order, the training of some who may not become Christians, but who by reason of their experience in the mission schools are afterwards friendly toward what these schools represent, etc., but these things are by-products and not the true aim

of the mission school. We do not establish schools for producing these by-products, we establish them for the purposes named, and are glad when other good results follow. Our true aims are, to evangelize and to train for Christian service.

A case parallel to this would be like the fact that the presence of churches in a city enhances the value of property in that city. This enhancement in value is a by-product, and may be desirable, but we do not locate churches in communities in order to increase the value of real estate. Our aim in establishing churches is to spread the Gospel. Likewise also is the aim of the mission school.

As the work develops there may be a different emphasis in different schools. Always in the schools of the lower and secondary grades the evangelistic feature must be kept to the front with faithful emphasis. In schools of these grades will be found the great majority of our students.

The Foreign Mission Board has now about eight hundred schools, in which were last year about 35,000 pupils. This is about equal to the number of students in all our Baptist schools in our Southland. Of course all of our schools in foreign lands are not of equal grade to those in the South, but there are two very significant facts that should be borne in mind:

(1) We have these students in our foreign schools under our tutelage quite as long as, and often much longer, than we have the students in our Southern schools.

(2) We have the majority of the students in our foreign mission schools at a younger age than the average students in our Southern schools. They are under our instruction, therefore, at the most impressionable period of their lives. Of the eight hundred foreign schools only thirty-five or about 4% are above the middle school grade. The vast majority are under the middle school grade. Herein lies the greatness of our evangelizing opportunity. This great body of pupils in the most impressive period of their lives, segregated in these schools where Gospel truths can be presented in the most favorable environment that can be found in the non-Christian world, offers us a unique, and amazing evangelistic opportunity.

But as the work develops we must have some schools of the higher grades, and for special training. We must have some colleges for the higher training for leaders, and some Theological Schools for the special training of preachers; and some Normal Schools for the training of teachers especially for the work in the schools of the lower grades. While all of this is going on, there will be trained some doctors, merchants, etc., who will be helpful as laymen in the churches. In all of these schools of whatever grade or nature, the evangelistic note must always be ringing in order that it may sound clear in the after life of every student.

These schools of the higher grade are tremendously important, but will never be very numerous. By the time there is need for a great number of them, the native churches will have

grown into such strength that they will provide for their educational needs. But for the present we are under heavy restraint for providing a number of these schools of higher grade and for special training. The Foreign Mission Board needs help particularly with these schools of higher and special training. The whole world has waked up to the need of education; new doors for the presentation of the Gospel open every day; the demand for trained workers and evangelistic teachers, pastors, etc., is far beyond our ability to provide. Neither the native churches nor the Foreign Mission Board can meet the demands of the hour. The strain on our struggling schools is terrific. This is the most opportune time for investment in these needy institutions. It is urgent beyond all description, and Oh! so full of promise of faithful Gospel results in the future.

The Suggestion.

Would that some of our people of largest means would realize that these foreign mission colleges and seminaries offer the rarest and most

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And with him fear and slaughter—
The sword was in his hand
And blood should flow like water.
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His symbols and his token,
Unbending, without flaw—
But lo! The Law was broken.

Who was He that defied
Jehovah, the Avenger?
One who died crucified,
Whose cradle was a manger.
The Law spake: Eye for eye,
Bloodshed for blood is calling;
To stumble is to die,
No mercy for the falling.

But He said: "Come to me
Ye weary, I'll refresh you;
From sins I'll set you free
That snare you and enmesh you.
Walk by the hands of Love
And Hope the way to heaven—
The blessings from above
To all are freely given!"

His followers to kill,
To throw them into fetters,
Young Saul had armed his skill
With Sanhedrinic letters.
Thus he pursued the path
Down to Damascus' city
When shining on his path
Smote the celestial pity.

And like a lowering cloud
By flash of lightning riven,
Like tearing o' fa shroud
Rolled down the voice from Heaven:
"Lama redaphtami?"
Blind, speechless staggered Paul—
But through eternity
Resound the words of Saul.

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TYLERTOWN

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Davis yesterday celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Tylertown, where they were the recipients of many handsome presents. The occasion was also made one of family reunion, and all the living children of the aged couple were present, coming from five states.

They are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Davis of Abilene, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Holmes of Yazoo City, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Davis of Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Alton Davis of Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Jewel A. Davis of Waycross, Ga. Nine of twelve grandchildren were also present, as were also a number of old friends

of the family as specially invited guests. Rev. Mr. Davis gave one son in the world war, Lieutenant Lemuel Davis, who died at Camp Beauregard, La.

Rev. Mr. Davis is a Mason, having been for more than thirty-five years, and in token of the esteem of the local Masons a body representing Tylertown Lodge No. 392 called at the home, and in the name of that lodge one of Tylertown Chapter No. 165 Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Davis is a member, presented the couple with \$50 in gold. The home was thrown open to visitors in the afternoon, and hundreds of the citizens of the town and vicinity called to extend congratulations and good wishes.

Rev. Mr. Davis, who is widely known as a minister, began his ca-

reer in the Baptist pulpit in 1887, and some interesting statistics are gathered from the carefully kept records of his work. Since that time he has served a total of twenty churches, including every Baptist church in Walthall county, with the exception of two, having served Tylertown church many years. He has performed 164 marriage services, and baptized 850 people, while the number of funerals conducted by him reaches almost to 2,100.

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SEEING, HEARING, and FEELING AMONG THE HAKKAS

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These are what we would call mountaineers. The scenery along the North River from Canton to Shiuchow is varied and as beautiful as one could desire to see, from the rice fields to the towering mountains and smiling valleys of the uplands, in which live many millions of vigorous, splendidly built mountain people. Brother Saunders tells me he believes there is a section of these people in which there are some 50,000,000 who have not yet had a missionary of any denomination to live among them to tell of His wonderful power to save.

Shiuchow, a city of 125,000, situated on the North River, and now for the first time being reached by the Peking, Hankow, Canton railway, is the city from which we are seeking to reach these Hakkas. Here we have a vigorous church worshipping in a rented hotel building yet incomplete because of the war conditions which now for several years have stopped construction on it, the railroad, and very much material progress. \$15,000 gold will purchase this hotel property with much material which could be largely fashioned into a magnificent plant for Christian service. How I did wish for this \$15,000, what an opportunity it would give for Christian service!

Here I preached twice and there were twelve professions of faith, among them a prominent merchant, a Buddhist priest and a Superintendent of public instruction.

They are now constructing a school both for boys and girls. By the liberality of a godly Chinaman the boy's school has some sixteen acres of ground over-looking the city and the beautiful river along side of which, the railroad goes. Within a mile, on the same side of the river, with a small ravine separating it from the boy's school, is located the splendid property which the 75 Million funds enabled us to secure for the girl's school, on which buildings have been begun. These grounds are now already worth more than three times what we gave for them. When these two plants are ready for students they will be crowded from the start because these two schools now located in temporary rented buildings are compelled to turn away many earnestly desiring to enter. I am convinced that some of the best evangelistic work that is being done in China is being done through our Christian schools. Many of our people in the homeland do not realize the conditions existing in the Orient; all their literature, all their educational institutions are virtually anti-Christian. How can they get Christian education unless it is provided by those who, themselves know Christ, and have God's word? The Chinese people are beginning to be tremendously in earnest in seeking Western learning. Shall they have that which is Christian, or that which is purely materialistic and secular? As goes the education of China for the next fifty years, so will China go, perhaps for the next thousand years. Through the Christian school we not only help the in-

dividual pupil, but we get into the hearts and homes of the people.

Shiuchow bids fair to become a great commercial center, near it lie great deposits of coal and many valuable minerals. It is now beginning to ship to the United States and other countries a very valuable ore used in the manufacture of high grade steel. Missionary Saunders, whose heart for years has been going out for the Kakka people, believes that Shiuchow is to be the Birmingham of China at no distant day.

Here we have a nucleus for a Hakka Seminary with seven students. They need teachers, buildings, and equipment, they need them now. The field is ripe for other workers from the homeland, who will go, and wants to make an investment of \$100,000 in equipping these schools which will go on through the years multiplying for the glory of God and the good of humanity? My prayer is that some one may see and seize this opportunity. He is worthy of your best.

There is a need here for some one to give his time and thought and heart in providing Christian literature for these great Hakka people, from whom I believe God will call many preachers, missionaries, and Christian workers who are to help win mighty China for Christ.

I have not mentioned the need for a Christian hospital in this great section of Southwest China, there are untold possibilities for such an institution, who will pray it through? Please remember that all these institutions are primarily and chiefly seeking to glorify Christ. They are beginning to pray for a needed orphanage.

CARROLL COUNTY

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P. U. in the country. We gave the Orphanage in goods and money together just before Christmas about \$25.00. We meet Saturday nights at 6:30. The men held the B. Y. P. U. last Saturday night, and the ladies will give us a program this Saturday night; and we have Sunday School every Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock, with Bro. Wells as our superintendent. We have just re-organized our Sunday School and going to try to do good work this year in Sunday School; going to try and beat what we did last year. Of course, that will take work, but by thy works ye shall know them, then we have a very good prayer meeting every Sunday night, at 6:30, with good attendance. We have invited Bro. J. R. G. Hewlett of Charleston, Miss., to preach for us this summer, beginning July 27th, and stay a week with us, he was with us last year.

If any one wants to get an idea of what we are doing, come over and see. We ask the people to pray for us that we may be willing to follow Christ, and do what He wants us to do. So when we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, the Lord shall be with us.

Our preacher preaches half time for us, and half time for the good people at Liberty, Jefferson, and in the evening goes to Valley consolidated school house on the second and fourth Sundays at 2:30 o'clock. He

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Heavenly Investments

This is the fifth and last of a series of articles on "Heavenly Investments", or laying up treasures in Heaven. This article will deal with the subject of Realizing on the Investment.

This is the phase of the investment that appeals to one especially. The question in all business transactions is one of dividends—how much will I receive and when? Even so does the same question enter into the subject under consideration. There is to be a pay day and returns on the investment are sure and liberal, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, will apply here as elsewhere.

As to when we shall realize on the investments we are making day by day here in this life I am sure that the Word teaches that we will realize in a large way while here on earth, in this life. Prov. 3:9 tells us to "honor the Lord with your substance and the first fruits of all thine increase", and follows with the promised dividend, "so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst forth with new wine." Also the Psalmist tells us to "trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." In other words we reap some of the returns from our service right here on earth. Also Malachi sends out the promise that if the tithe and offerings are brought into the storehouse, blessings here will follow. David tells in Psalms 1:3, speaking of those who live certain kind of lives in accord with the will of God, "Whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper."

But the real time and place where we are to realize on our heavenly investments will be in the home beyond the skies. Jesus himself tells us that we are to be rewarded according to our works. Salvation is wholly of grace but rewards in heaven are wholly of works; for all shall receive according to the deeds done in the body.

When we are resurrected and our spiritual body and soul are reunited we come before Christ to judgment. This judgment is for the purpose of rewarding the saved (2 Cor. 5:10). Then we are turned into the Father's home, heaven, and we begin to realize on our investments to the fullest. The time put into God's service, the work rendered, the money and other things of value given—all will be found up there in the vaults of heaven to be used and enjoyed throughout the ages. We can transmute our gold and silver into coin of the realm of the heavenly kingdom by putting it into His work through the church in preaching the gospel, supporting the pastor or any phase of the kingdom work.

How rich will you be when you get home?

Notes and Comments

This year tells the tale. We suc-

ceed or fail this year insofar as the 75 Million Campaign is concerned. It must not be failure.

Brother Stokes of Northwest Neshoba County has moved to Philadelphia and is ready to serve the people. Brother Stokes is a licensed preacher.

Rev. J. A. Wells is now residing near Philadelphia. He has a son in the Seminary at Louisville preparing for missionary work. He is an ordained minister and graduate of Mississippi College.

Died—Mrs. Mary E. Coghlan died at her home in North Neshoba County on February 27, 1924. She was 64 years old, the mother of 13 children, all living. She was a member of New Mars Hill Baptist Church, buried at Old Mars Hill Cemetery, the writer officiating.

A GREAT DAY IN McDONALD

The second Sunday in February 1924 the members and friends of this small group of God's people came together in their splendid house of worship which is finished, painted and well furnished with good comfortable seats for a large congregation, to hear the writer in a feeble way preach the first sermon after his ordination into the full work of the ministry of the Gospel, using for the text the 33rd verse of the 14th Chapter of Luke, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsake not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple." After forty-five minutes of earnest and sincere labor under the power of God to speak intelligently, and consistently with the text, an opportunity was extended to as many as would forsake all and follow Christ to make it known by shaking hands with their young pastor. More than half of the congregation responded to this covenant. A great help to a young minister indeed. May God bless and help his people to keep such a covenant.

Yours for more work,
J. E. McCraw,
Union, Miss.

ORDINATION

Sunday March 2, 1924, there assembled at Old Bethel Church Copiah, County, a large congregation of relatives and friends, to participate in the Ordination of Bro. Woodall W. Izzard to the full work of the gospel ministry. The Council was organized by the election of Pastor J. A. Chapman, as President, J. D. Guynes, Clerk; Pastor H. C. Joyner, of Hazlehurst; Pastor J. G. Gilmore, of Osyka, Miss., with 10 deacons from Bethel, Sardis, Georgetown, Poplar Springs, Shady Grove, Hazlehurst and Carson churches.

The examination which was very credible was conducted by his Pastor, J. A. Chapman. The sermon was preached by former Pastor, J. G. Gilmore, from Phil. 1:6. The charge was delivered by former Pastor H. C. Joyner, all things considered it was a great and good day at Old Bethel. We all said "it was good to go up to the house of the Lord."

Young Brother Izzard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Izzard, of Hazlehurst, Miss., R. F. D.; is a full

graduate of Mississippi College and contemplates attending the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., next session, being at present engaged in teaching at Shady Grove. The writer heartily commends Bro. Izzard to the entire brotherhood.

J. G. Gilmore, Pastor,
Osyka Baptist Church.
March 4th, 1924.

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2. The Baptist women of the South, who led so gloriously in subscriptions four years ago, and have stood loyally by all Kingdom causes since.
3. Our Baptist young people, hundreds of thousands of whom have come into increased earning capacity since the Campaign began, and ought to take God as their partner and share their enlarged resources with him.
4. The million new Baptists who have come into our churches since the Campaign began and few of whom have had any definite share in worldwide service of the Kingdom as yet.
5. The Baptist pastors of the South, God's own appointed leaders in every Kingdom task, who must inform their laymen, women and young people on the challenge and opportunity which the Campaign offers to every loyal member of our churches, and lead them by precept and example to heroic service and giving to God's causes.

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Alabama	33,029.92	23,386.57	26,518.31	18,776.49
Arkansas	8,602.74	14,300.97	12,304.57	11,742.92
District of Columbia	2,147.94	7,170.82	6,309.67	6,200.85
Florida	16,955.05	14,942.84	13,922.72	14,124.39
Georgia	89,369.16	45,093.14	51,879.81	48,100.97
Illinois	8,061.50	5,144.34	2,100.00	1,000.00
Kentucky	75,015.62	53,539.79	41,834.65	48,317.30
Louisiana	15,928.63	10,156.74	11,962.91	12,261.09
Maryland	23,093.20	15,660.00	9,500.00	12,709.32
Mississippi	28,677.50	31,736.81	27,057.76	29,726.53
Missouri	19,078.31	12,461.44	12,961.65	15,502.28
North Carolina	90,983.71	37,034.60	46,624.18	47,893.57
New Mexico	5,040.00	2,526.13	2,158.73	1,547.84
Oklahoma	1,313.50	13,465.62	17,626.44	17,221.42
South Carolina	33,355.59	26,481.84	14,857.80	21,045.10
Tennessee	35,576.80	31,085.40	12,609.65	26,223.20
Texas	14,971.50*	12,360.63*	6,179.64*	182.39*
Virginia	138,575.42	94,486.83	64,197.66	73,992.02
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* Texas said at the beginning of the campaign that they could not remit monthly but by seasons. The great body of Texas gifts comes in April.

RECEIPTS OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD TO MARCH 1

	1924	1923	1922
Alabama	37,382.01	42,687.09	41,583.10
Arkansas	15,592.45	28,333.53	2,667.92
District of Columbia	11,125.73	10,832.77	14,403.20
Florida	15,390.31	14,745.93	16,202.98
Georgia	95,373.80	90,088.00	100,865.32
Illinois	1,197.50	1,600.00	5,220.00
Kentucky	88,776.25	79,868.49	101,874.20
Louisiana	16,537.25	15,173.96	14,213.31
Maryland	21,360.00	22,040.00	21,790.00
Mississippi	45,224.73	43,833.44	46,179.50
Missouri	27,330.92	19,891.32	19,478.03
New Mexico	2,522.00	3,100.00	3,510.00
North Carolina	105,081.74	106,186.08	76,251.12
Oklahoma	19,598.92	15,965.14	2,110.49
South Carolina	126,828.49	99,554.00	85,349.38
Tennessee	49,930.00	32,524.50	50,264.75
Texas	66.10	231.25	482.53
Virginia	132,824.43	137,721.27	148,825.79
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FOREIGN MISSION GAINS Four Years of Campaign

	Beginning of Campaign	Now	Gain	Percent
Number Missionaries	328	540	212	64%
Native Missionaries	627	2,820	2,193	349%
Churches	505	891	386	76%
Church Members	49,659	103,328	53,669	108%
Self-Supporting Churches	143	211	68	48%
Contribution on Foreign Field	\$173,372.00	\$437,568.00	\$264,196.00	152%
Baptisms	5,635	12,611	6,976	123%
Sunday Schools	760	1,437	677	89%
Day Schools	512	796	284	55%
Students in Day Schools	15,722	32,789	17,067	108%

MISSISSIPPI GAINS Four Years of Campaign

	1919	1923	Gain	Percent
Number Churches	1,508	1,547	39	2½%
Number Church Members	172,228	186,447	14,186	8%
Number Sunday Schools	919	1,157	238	26%
Enrollment in S. S.	75,492	95,850	20,358	27%
Woman's Mis. Soc.	676	770	94	14%
Total W. M. U. Organizations	813	1,587	774	95%
Value Church Property	\$2,935,319.00	\$4,767,871.00	\$2,832,552.00	96%
	1916-1919	1920-1923		
Baptisms	32,445	51,846	19,401	59%
Contributions Home Uses	\$2,015,130.07	\$2,972,731.87	\$ 957,601.80	47%
Con. Mis. and Benev.	672,492.68	1,680,648.85	1,008,156.17	150%
Appns. to Church Bldg.	22,670.00	68,926.77	46,256.77	204%
Appns. to Pastoral Support	63,183.67	101,546.14	38,362.47	61%

Note.—Number of B. Y. P. U.'s not given in minutes for 1919, but total number in 1923 was 625, with an enrollment of 18,939. The number of Unions has more than doubled since the Campaign was put on.

THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH AT HOUSTON ABOUT COMPLETE

The new Baptist Church at Houston is about complete. It is now among the leading churches in North East Mississippi in modern Sunday School equipment and facilities and its an imposing building with a large and beautiful auditorium.

The Baptist entered their new building last Sunday and their pastor Rev. D. W. Hodges, preached to them on the subject, "The builder" and at the close of the service, he stated that he had an offer of a three thousand dollar proposition last week in another place but declined. Then he read to the church his resignation to take effect in the Spring stating that he had made his plans to enter the evangelistic field and wanted to notify the church ahead of time so that it might be on the lookout for another pastor as he didn't think the church should go pastorless even for a Sunday at this time. He was on his fourth year at Houston when he resigned to enter evangelism.

Brother Hodges came to the Houston Baptist Church from the Army. He was in the pastorate at Dothan Ala., when the United States entered the World War and resigned his church and volunteered his services to his country and went as Chaplain with the boys over seas. On returning from over seas he was sent out for nearly a year on the road by the War Department and he spent most of his time lecturing to the High Schools in different parts of the country and preaching on Sundays by invitation of the pastors in the cities where he might happen to be. His territory included four states, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. He preached in the following churches in Mississippi while in this work: First Baptist Church, Corinth; First Baptist Church, Tupelo; First Baptist Church, Greenville; First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; Dr. King's Church, Jackson, and supplied for Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Pastor of First Church, Jackson, several times, besides other places in the State. It was in this way that Brother Hodges became acquainted in Mississippi and when he came out of the army some of the preachers said come to Mississippi and the church at Houston called him and after he had accepted he had a proposition from the state of Virginia offered him but he declined it. He has enjoyed his stay in Mississippi as pastor and the new acquaintances he has made with his co-workers in the ministry. And he has not gone from us but is simply entering the field of evangelism.

He will be associated with the Reese Evangelistic Staff. The Blankenships, gospel singers, 703 Slaughter Bldg., Dallas, Texas; W. F. B. Scholfield, Ft. Scott, Kansas, Gospel singer; Charles O. Miller, Blackville, S. C., Gospel singer; Theo. H. Farr, Marbury, Alabama, Gospel singer, are the singers for the Reese Evangelistic Staff. The preachers of the Reese Evangelistic Staff are: Evangelist T. O. Reese, Marbury, Ala., Evangelist Geo. W. Wilburn,

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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Ella Beall Hooker

"How wonderful is Death! Death and his brother Sleep"

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved sister, friend, and co-laborer, Mrs. Ella Beall Hooker, we, the Woman's Missionary Society, of the Lexington Baptist Church, bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, and pray that He will comfort and sustain the bereaved family, and help us to emulate her good example.

For many years, Mrs. Hooker walked among us; from girlhood a faithful and zealous member of the Baptist Church, and Society, ever ready and willing to do her part, she helped to support every phase of the work.

True to her God, a loving faithful wife, a great mother, devoted to her home. Truly she fulfilled the mission of noble womanhood.

Not only by her loved ones will she be missed. Her good deeds were many, kindness and charity being extended to all in need.

The departure of this dear one will leave a void in our hearts which cannot be filled. Often will we long for a "touch of the vanished hand or the sound of the voice that is still", and for the dear children who so fondly yearn for the welcome step, and glad return, we pray that God will keep, bless, and comfort them, and enable them to think of her as living on, as dear, in the land of There, as in the land of Here.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and to the Baptist Record and Lexington Advertiser for publication.

On behalf of the Society,

Mrs. G. W. Stigler,
Chairman Committee.

Mrs. E. M. Brown,
Mrs. E. F. Noel.

Will Cheatham

Will Cheatham was born January 31, 1871, and died December 9, 1923.

Brother Cheatham had lived at Vossburg for many years, where he was well known and loved by all. He was a good law abiding citizen and ever stood for the things that were for the upbuilding of his church, home and community. He was buried at Shady Grove Baptist Church, where he was a member for a long time. He will be missed very much by the pastor and church. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death.

Weep not loved ones left in the Battle of life, for the same loving Hand that has led you thus far Will lead you on until the home Of the soul you reach.

There face to face loved ones You will see in the presence of Jesus your Savior ever to be.

—E. C. Hendricks.

My Father, Benjamin Franklin
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through my happy, careless youth to be honest and faithful, to stand for right and truth; so in years past when I wandered in forbidden paths of sin 'twas the memory of his teachings that brought me back to Christ again, and that father who lies sleeping now in the lone graveyard showed through all his life's long journey that he ever walked with God.—Irene.

E. M. Dear

God has seen fit to call from our midst our most highly esteemed brother, E. M. Dear. He was born January 19, 1854, and died on his forty-fifth wedding anniversary, March 4, 1924. He was married to Miss Eliza Welch, who departed this life April 24, 1923.

He has been a faithful member of the Baptist Church for more than fifty years, and faithfully filled the office of deacon for twenty-seven years in County Line Baptist Church. He was always interested in all phases of the church work.

The community has lost one of its most honorable and law abiding citizens. His influence for good was felt by all with whom he came in contact.

His children have lost a devoted and loving father. May the Lord sustain them in their sorrow.

—W. H. James.

Billy Farmer

A gloom was cast over Como recently when it was learned that Billy Farmer was dead. Billy, youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Farmer, was fifteen years of age. He was a bright, promising boy and his genial manner had greatly endeared him to every one. He was converted at the age of ten and baptized into the fellowship of the Como Church. The principal of the school, of which he was an honored student, and five of his classmates served as pallbearers at the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. Walton E. Lee, his former pastor.

Resolutions Adopted By Meeker Memorial Prayer League on Death of J. L. Trusty

Water Valley, Miss.,
Feb. 24th, 1924.

Whereas—The leaves have their time to fall; the flowers their season to bloom, but the Grim Reaper knows neither time or season. Like a thief in the night he comes and oft times takes the brightest and the best. The bud fresh with the dew of the morning; the full grown flower in its beauteous maturity, and the fading bloom from whose petals has been distilled some of the essence which has made fragrant the pathway of man as he journeyed along through life—all are victims of the keen edge of His relentless scythe.

On February 15th, this year, our hearts were made sad by the going away of one of our most beloved members and faithful friends, J. Leland Trusty, and,

Whereas—Our League has suffered an irreparable loss, but questions not the wisdom of Him who gives and who takes away—therefore,

Be It Resolved—That we accept without bitterness, this dispensation

of an allwise Providence, deriving consolation from the thought that our organization is stronger and better for having numbered him in its membership, and that the uplifting influence of a life like his does not and cannot end in death. Such men as J. Leland Trusty were not made to disappear forever, like the gossamer of the morning or the dew drop before the rising sun. Somehow in God's great ocean of wonderful and unfailing provision, his barge is sailing to the home of the blest. Perhaps today his ship is anchored in the River of Life, and as he stands upon its deck he is plucking the golden fruit from the Tree of Life and the leaves which are for the healing of the nations. So long as rivers shall flow, or oceans roll; so long as snow-capped mountain range shall speak to snow-capped mountain range, and snow-capped mountain range to the blue sea; so long as the violet shall speak of modesty, the lily of purity or the rose tell of love; so long as there shall endure an appreciation of the true, the beautiful, the good, the heroic conduct—so long will the influence of J. Leland Trusty live in the hearts and lives of men. And sometime, somewhere, according to God's eternal plan there will be another meeting—BUT NO MORE PARTING.

Resolved Further—That we cherish his memory, mourn his loss, and extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved loved one, and,

Resolved Further—That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Prayer League, and that copies be furnished our city papers and Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Atkinson,
T. Q. Ellis,
Committee.

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Ft. Worth, Texas and Evangelist Dempsey W. Hodges, Houston, Miss. Brother Hodges will have associated with him as singer Theo. H. Farr, Marbury, Alabama. Mr. Farr has taught voice in the South Western Theological Seminary and has been singing for Evangelist Reese for a number of years. He easily ranks with the Souths best singers and so do all the singers of the Reese Evangelistic Staff.

—W. A. Hewitt.

CALLED AND ACCEPTED

F. H. Miller of Biloxi, Mississippi, who graduated from the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans last year, and who is at present a student at Clarke College, has been called to serve as pastor at Harmony in Winston County, and Eden Church in Jasper County, both fourth time churches.

Brother R. W. Dunlap of Clarke College will teach an 18 day Normal Singing School at Eden beginning July 20th. At the close of the singing school, Brother S. P. Powell of Long Beach, Mississippi, will begin a meeting which will last from six to ten days. We desire the prayers o fall God's children.

—F. H. Miller.

GULFPORT

Our church now has a membership of six hundred and Dr. McComb has been with us now for three months and the congregation has about doubled in that time. We have elected eight new deacons making fifteen in all.

The entire city has been laid out in districts and a census of our membership and prospective members has been taken.

We have also repledged the church. Our church is growing from Sunday to Sunday; there is hardly ever a Sunday that we do not have people join the church.

Our new pews and pulpit furniture will be placed about the first of March. Our pews are costing us \$5000.00 and we have the money in the bank to pay for them. Our church property is worth about \$75,000.00 and is now completely finished.

The Sunday School is also doing splendid work. Our Men's Bible Class is averaging more than one hundred per Sunday.

The entire membership is more than pleased with Dr. McComb as pastor and we believe that there are great things in the future for our church. Sincerely yours,

B. C. Cox,

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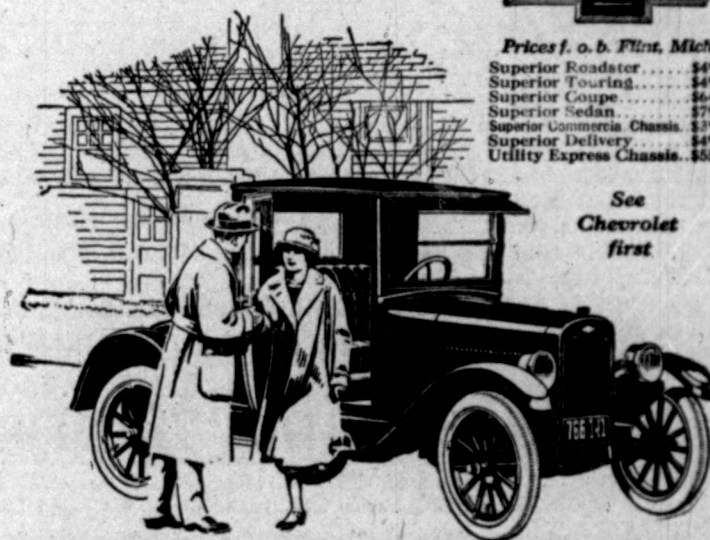
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Plant One Acre For God

Tate County Association Suggests Plan

Organizer Issues Letter To Pastors

The plan suggested by Rev. E. S. Flynt, Organizer for Tate County Association, is worthy of serious consideration. We would urge the pastors everywhere to take the matter up at once with their churches. Get every farmer to PLANT ONE ACRE FOR GOD, either cotton or any other crop, according to locality.

Coldwater, Miss., March 6, 1924.

Dear Pastor:

As County Organizer, I am asking all the pastors in this Association to co-operate in making this the greatest year in Soul-winning, Developing the Local Church and Paying into our Mission Work, of any year in the history of our churches. To do this we all must pray for success. We must never grow tired of work. We must put our best into it.

In order to aid the Local Work as well as all Denominational Objects, I am suggesting that the pastors make a canvass at the earliest date possible and get as many men as they can to agree to plant one acre of cotton for our Lord. Half of proceeds from cotton is to go to the Local Work, Half to the 75 Million Campaign. Get the ladies to set one chicken hen on fifteen eggs and grow the chickens for our Lord, all of which is to be turned into the 75 Million Campaign. By selling hen and chickens each will put into the mission fund at least \$5.00. You get them to understand that the cotton and chickens will be over and above what they are paying in now on the Campaign.

May we count on you?

E. S. FLYNT, Organizer.

If the pastors and church leaders will take this matter up now and push it, we will raise the ONE MILLION DOLLARS in Mississippi this year—we will save the Baptist name and the causes that are dear to our hearts. We must act quickly. The time for planting is here.

Send to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Cor. Sec'y., Jackson, Miss., a list of the names and addresses of the farmers who will follow this plan, giving church and association.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

N. T. TULL, State Organizer

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